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(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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(Mr. SCHIFF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN PETERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it's a rare privilege for me to rise here tonight.

As the senior Republican in the Pennsylvania delegation, I have certain opportunities and certain obligations. The one that I'm exercising this evening is one that I am particularly pleased to do, not without a certain reluctance, because I'm rising to honor a colleague of ours who is retiring and who has done a great deal for the State of Pennsylvania.

I have known Representative JOHN PETERSON, really, since 1981. JOHN PETERSON came to this body in 1996, and he has served with distinction for the last 12 years, but when I first knew JOHN PETERSON, he was then a member of the State House. He had been elected in 1977. He was recruited by local Republicans as the obvious choice when that vacancy occurred, and I first knew him as one of the most energetic members of the State House within the district of my boss and mentor who was then serving in the State Senate.

When Senator Kusse retired in 1984, again, JOHN PETERSON was the obvious person to succeed him into the State

Senate. There, JOHN PETERSON became known as one of the authorities on rural health care and as one of the strongest advocates for transportation improvements in western Pennsylvania.

So it was an obvious thing in 1996 when Congressman Bill Clinger decided to retire that JOHN PETERSON was an obvious but not an uncontested candidate for that seat. After a vigorous primary, which included some fairly famous names, JOHN PETERSON won the Republican primary, and went on to win a convincing election in the fall.

My colleague JOHN PETERSON has made a great mark on this institution in 12 years.

When he came to the House, he, rather rapidly, established himself as an advocate for rural issues, not only in western Pennsylvania but all over the country, and he has always been a prominent member of the Rural Caucus. Surprisingly, for a member of a delegation from one of the States, from a Commonwealth that was one of the original 13 colonies, he has also been a leading member of the Western Caucus because of the infinity of the issues within his district with western concerns.

Perhaps one of the great distinctions about JOHN PETERSON is his representing one of the largest districts, if not the largest district, east of the Mississippi. He has brought an extraordinary energy to the job of representing a district that runs from the Titusville area, in my neighborhood, all the way down to some of the farthest bedroom communities within our State capital area.

JOHN PETERSON, after a term in the House, naturally gravitated to a higher assignment, and he was selected by our party to be a member of the Appropriations Committee.

I have to tell you he has served there with extraordinary distinction. Early on, he has become an advocate and an expert in rural health care, and he has played a particularly critical role in increasing Medicare reimbursements for many rural health care providers.

As the individual who has represented the area that covers the Allegheny National Forest, one of the gems of our national forest system, he has become a strong advocate consistently for that area and for its potential to be an economic driver as well as a source of natural beauty in the region. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he has been a strong and consistent advocate of resources for the Allegheny National Forest and for recreation in the region.

He has also been recognized as one of the strongest advocates of rural economic development, particularly in western Pennsylvania but particularly with a focus on job training. He has played consistently a critical and active role in encouraging local economic development organizations to develop a regional outlook and to become effective advocates across county lines.

He has been a strong advocate in this Chamber of a pro-growth energy policy, and it was JOHN PETERSON who before most other Members of this body had focused on the issue, and he became a strong and consistent advocate of opening up new opportunities for drilling within the United States to reduce our energy dependence.

It was JOHN PETERSON who repeatedly brought up within the Appropriations Committee, in the face of opposition from some Democrats and also from some Republicans, legislation to open up the Outer Continental Shelf for drilling, initially for natural gas but also for petroleum.

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JOHN PETERSON, before most people in this Chamber saw the critical importance of this issue as a way of driving down prices in the United States, became a strong advocate of addressing this issue head-on in lifting the ban that had been created by both Congress and the executive branch on drilling.

And I think it is a great tribute to him and, as he retires, must be a great source of satisfaction to see that this Congress has not continued that ban. This, I realize, is a controversial issue, but the beauty of my colleague is he's been able to engage people on both sides of the aisle on this issue and in a way that has even reached out to many people who he has initially disagreed with.

I, myself, have never seen my colleague more engaged than on the issue of tolling Interstate 80. I partnered with JOHN PETERSON just last year when this issue came up in this body in the wake of a decision by leaders in Harrisburg in our State capital and by the Turnpike Commission to attempt to toll the length of Interstate 80 utilizing a pilot project provision embedded in our Federal law. I had the privilege of seeing firsthand JOHN PETERSON's advocacy and his energy as he aggressively engaged both State officials and, ultimately, our U.S. Department of Transportation.

I must say the fact that we have recently received a decision from the U.S. Department of Transportation that effectively bars the tolling of Interstate 80 is a great tribute to his advocacy and also his ability to work with people like me and others to make the case.

JOHN PETERSON has decided this year to retire. I think that is a tribute to the love he bears for his family above everything else. But he leaves behind him a truly remarkable record as a public servant, as someone who's made his mark first in the State legislation, now in this body, someone who has always retained the vision and the inventiveness that comes from having been a small business man.

It's been a great privilege to serve with JOHN PETERSON, and my distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania will very much be missed. Certainly if there were ever a solution to the energy crisis, it would be to tap into his

energy and try to channel it into others in this body.

I know we have a couple of other members of our delegation present here, and I'm particularly interested to yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, such time as he may consume, the gentleman originally from western Pennsylvania but now from southeastern Pennsylvania and a great advocate for the State, my friend, Mr. GERLACH.

Mr. GERLACH. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank you very much for the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of Congressman JOHN PETERSON.

Before I do so, let me thank my distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman ENGLISH, for his leadership in conducting this special order to honor JOHN. And it's much appreciated by all of us that are in the Pennsylvania delegation.

I'm here tonight to honor my colleague, JOHN PETERSON, for his countless years of service to this great Nation. His strong presence and thoughtful contributions will be greatly missed in this Chamber.

I've had the pleasure to know JOHN for a long time, first serving with him in the Pennsylvania State Senate and for the past 6 years here in the House. Throughout his time in the State Senate and in the House of Representatives, JOHN has been a strong and steady voice on a wide range of issues, notably world development, transportation, and energy. It's been my honor to work with JOHN over the years in promoting the interests of our constituencies and the good of this Nation.

His service has been an inspiration, and it has been my pleasure to witness this man in action over the years.

Over the past 12 years, JOHN has faithfully served the needs of the Fifth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Time after time he has promoted the interests and the well-being of his constituency, the largest and most rural of all of the districts in Pennsylvania. He accomplished throughout this effort to allow for job creation and economic development strategies, improve access to quality and affordable health care, and enhance the quality of life for his constituents. This tireless devotion to the residents of the Fifth Congressional District is just a glimpse of his compassion and devotion to our country.

As we get set to wrap up what appears to be the rest of this Congress, I wish JOHN all the best as he heads home to spend time with his wife, Sandy, and their wonderful family.

JOHN, thank you for your tireless service, and you will be missed.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE) such time as he may consume. We're grateful for his presence here on the floor as well as his leadership.

Mr. ALTMIRE. I thank the senior Republican from the delegation. I

stand here as the junior Democrat from the delegation, and I do appreciate the opportunity to address, in a very bipartisan way, my appreciation for the opportunity to have served with JOHN PETERSON here in the House of Representatives.

And I also want to thank the remarks from one of the former residents of the Fourth Congressional Districts, Congressman GERLACH, who grew up in Elwood City and was a star running back for Elwood City High School. So I was glad to hear from him as well.

One of the joys of being elected to Congress, as all of our colleagues know, is you get to serve with people who you may have known previous to getting into Congress. And I worked at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and got to know many members of the Pennsylvania delegation, including Congressman ENGLISH as well. And Congressman PETERSON was somebody that I really enjoyed working with, somebody that I knew and liked before I got to Congress.

So it was a pleasure and a treat for me to be able to serve for only one term, it looks like, because Mr. PETERSON is retiring, but to get to serve one term with someone that I knew and somebody that I respected.

And the reason I liked JOHN PETERSON was because he was somebody who was very interested and very active on a variety of subjects. There are a lot of people in this Congress who know certain subject matters very well, and they're experts in their fields of expertise. But JOHN PETERSON was somebody who seemed to know a little bit or maybe even a lot about a lot of different things.

And anyone who's met with JOHN PETERSON over the years knows that if you engage him in a conversation, you better be ready to be there for a while because he's going to tell you a lot of things that you didn't know about that. And he's going to offer his opinion, and he's going to spar with you. He's going to test to see whether you know what you're talking about. And he's going to engage in a friendly debate because he wants to learn and he enjoys that kind of combative spirit in a friendly way as you're talking with him.

So it was an honor for me to know him before, but it was a pleasure to see him in action on the House floor and get to know him in meetings that we had with the delegation.

And, of course, he represents a district in central Pennsylvania, but often he would fly home, as Congressman ENGLISH sometimes does, from Pittsburgh, from Washington to Pittsburgh; and many times we would sit in the airport and we would talk about whatever the issue of the day was in Congress and what the topic of conversation around the Nation was. And we would have our own friendly debates on these issues, and we would test each other.

And I was always amazed at JOHN PETERSON's ability to demonstrate exper-

tise on any subject that came up. And my colleagues know what I'm talking about.

What I would say to the constituents of the Fifth District in Pennsylvania, those who've known JOHN PETERSON for many years, is you're losing a great representative. He's somebody who, as a Democrat, I did not always agree with, somebody who I did have differences with; but there's nobody in this Congress who cared more about their district, who cared more about this institution than JOHN PETERSON.

And I can guarantee the people of the Fifth District in Pennsylvania, there is nobody who is going home with more accomplishment at the end of their term to take home with them in retirement than JOHN PETERSON.

This is somebody who spent his entire career talking about energy, especially natural gas and oil drilling. He is somebody who talked continuously about the need to expand our offshore drilling for oil and natural gas and could tell you all of the reasons why and all of the history therein, and he's somebody who was successful in getting that done.

We are leaving this Congress, beginning next Wednesday, where a moratorium that was in place for 27 years on oil and natural gas drilling is expiring. And the restrictions are not going to be there anymore, and there is nobody in this House that can take more credit for that than JOHN PETERSON. That is one whale of an accomplishment to end your career on.

But as Congressman ENGLISH talked about, he also was passionate about Interstate 80 across Pennsylvania. JOHN PETERSON has the biggest district geographically in Pennsylvania. Interstate 80 is an east-to-west highway than ran right through his district. And he worked passionately to avoid the tolling of I-80 at the State level. It was a decision that had to be approved by the Federal Government.

And to make a long story short, over the course of several months, he was successful, along with Congressman ENGLISH—who deserves a lot of credit as well—in making sure that Interstate 80 was not tolled.

So although JOHN PETERSON is retiring, there is nobody in this Congress who is going home with more accomplishments and more benefit to their district than JOHN PETERSON.

So I just wanted to take a moment—and I do appreciate the opportunity to speak out of turn as I was in the chair—but to say the fondness for JOHN PETERSON was not a monopoly on the Republican side. We appreciated him as well, and it's not just in Pennsylvania, it's all of our colleagues in this Congress. We enjoyed serving with JOHN PETERSON. It was an honor to serve with him.

I am a better Member of Congress for having known him, and I wish him the best in his retirement.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Reclaiming my time.

I would like to yield to the gentleman from Lehigh Valley, the distinguished Member, Mr. DENT, such time as he may consume.

Mr. DENT. Thank you, Congressman ENGLISH, for organizing this special order tonight in recognition of our good friend, John Peterson.

He has been certainly an extraordinary Member of Congress, a real character, and just been a good friend to so many.

John is one of those people who really makes this Congress a very special place. He does represent the Fifth District, as has been discussed tonight. I wanted to wish him and his wife, Sandy, well. This happens to be the anniversary of their wedding this weekend, so I wish both John and Sandy Peterson all the best on this anniversary weekend for them.

You know, I first met John Peterson back in 1991 when I was first sworn in to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. John was a State senator, and I was just a freshman in the State House; and John was always very kind to me. He would take time out of his busy life to mentor me, to talk to me about issues, just to be a good friend. And I always appreciated that about John.

And John, too, in Washington, perhaps, is best known for his advocacy on the issue of Outer Coaster Shelf exploration for energy. What a lot of people don't know, who've probably listened to John Peterson over the years, he talked about that issue about American exploration for energy when it, perhaps, wasn't as popular. But he would come down with charts and talk about the need to produce energy in America.

And what a lot of people don't know about John Peterson is that he represents much of northwestern Pennsylvania, a very large, rural district. And in that district is a town called Titusville where oil was first discovered by Colonel Drake.

And so John was passionate on this issue of oil and gas exploration. It was something that he brought to this floor. He did a lot to educate many of us, many Members, about the situation in this country with respect to natural gas, especially. John would talk about it and talk about the need for us to develop more of our resources and how this is impacting America's manufacturers, particularly Pennsylvania's manufacturers. And he was just passionate about it. And of course during this Congress, that issue of American energy exploration, the Outer Coastal Shelf, is one that has really taken a very high profile.

And I know that John, because of his leadership in part, is why we saw the moratorium on OCS drilling lifted just recently, and I think that's a great accomplishment for John.

Also, too, he was one of the more tenacious Members I have ever met, and I met him in Harrisburg. He would take up an issue, and there was no one who

was more fierce for his cause than John Peterson.

And we saw that this year with respect to the tolling, proposed tolling for Interstate 80. John was, as many of us know in Pennsylvania, rather upset about the proposal. And he just really took to the public airwaves and made his case. And, of course, that proposal was not adopted by the Federal Highway Administrator. So that was an issue that was one where John had taken a strong leadership position and came out successful, just as he did recently on the issue of Outer Coastal Shelf exploration.

So John Peterson has actually had quite a good year. Such a good year that I have teased him at times, "Are you sure you want to retire now? You're doing so well around here. This is probably not the time for you to leave."

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But John, as you know, is a dedicated public servant, a devoted family man, and I think he wants to spend more time with his family.

I know I will miss him here. As I said, he's a great friend to me. I've known him since our legislative days in Harrisburg.

I, again, want to thank John Peterson for his advocacy, for his friendship, for his leadership on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, northwestern Pennsylvania in particular, and also for his support and leadership for all the American people.

Mr. ENGLISH. I want to thank the gentleman for his generous comments that certainly capture the spirit of our colleague, and I would like to finally yield to one other Member of our delegation, a gentleman whose name is synonymous with transportation in Pennsylvania and who has done an extraordinary job as an advocate for rural Pennsylvania and whose district has bordered that of our colleague. I'd like to yield to the gentleman from Altoona, Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. SHUSTER. I want to thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding to me.

It's a great honor and privilege for me to be on the House floor tonight, coming to the well to talk about a very good friend, a dear friend, John Peterson. And I have to tell you about, we go back 12 years, and very little known to Members of this body, but John Peterson ran for Congress in a primary against my brother for Congress. And many would say, well, how can you say, "your dear friend" when a guy like John Peterson ran hard and defeated your brother in a primary? But John Peterson and I and my family quickly after that primary election became very close and got behind John and supported him to become the Congressman from the Fifth District.

But John, when I first came to Congress, was one of the first people to come to me and offer me advice, and I took it readily because of his long ca-

reer in the State Senate and his years here in the House, listening to John and, as I said, becoming very, very good friends.

John is one of my very close and best and dearest friends here in Congress, and it's because John and I share the same principles. We share the same values. We share a similar background, coming from a small business.

John ran a grocery store in the Fifth District of Pennsylvania. He worked extremely hard, and as he worked his political career through the House and the Senate of Pennsylvania, anybody you talk to, whether it's here in Washington or whether it's in Harrisburg, talk about John's hard work and his tenacity. He's one of those guys that my colleague from Lehigh Valley said, you know it's John when he sinks his teeth into something, he doesn't let go. He fights and he fights and he fights, and his career has been an example of that, for the 20 years he served in the State legislature and the 14 years he's served here in Congress.

And he is one of the hardest working Members of the House of Representatives. I go back to, I remember John before I came to Congress on television going to Russia, fighting to get the release of one of his constituents who was arrested because the Russians at the time thought he was a spy. But it was John Peterson on national television, in Russia, pounding and fighting to make sure that his constituent was released. And you know, John Peterson, with that tenacity, that hard work, was able to do that, and that family is grateful to him. The people of his district are grateful for his hard work and his expertise.

I think it's been mentioned here tonight by different colleagues about his expertise on a number of issues, and John really understood the issues of rural America. In his role as the chairman of the Rural Caucus for a number of years, he was out there always fighting for those issues. Whether it was health care, whether it was education, economic development, John Peterson understood it as well or better than any Member of Congress, those issues for rural America, and he was a tireless advocate for those issues.

As well as here in the last several months on the House floor, it was John Peterson and his knowledge and expertise on energy. John Peterson knew energy. Being a representative from the district that the first well in America in 1859 was sunk in his district, John took that issue and made it his own issue, and he was able to talk about that issue with great authority. Many of us went to John to try to understand, try to get the knowledge from John when it came to energy issues. Whether it was OCS, whether it was biomass or renewables, John Peterson knew those issues.

Also, a little known fact is that John's family owns a business that sells furnaces, that sells heating apparatuses that use alternative energy. Whether it's corn, whether it's

wood, it's JOHN PETERSON who is up there in the weekends selling those products, talking to people about them because he understands them.

JOHN PETERSON is a grassroots politician. He understands the issues from the grassroots up, and this Congress is better today because of people like JOHN PETERSON, because of JOHN PETERSON, because of his knowledge of the issues. He is going to be missed significantly here in Congress because of that aspect of his knowledge on his grassroots issues and rural America and energy.

I want to make sure that I thank my colleague Mr. ENGLISH for organizing this Special Order tonight to thank JOHN PETERSON and also to say thanks and congratulations to JOHN and his wife Sandy who are celebrating a wedding anniversary.

As I said, I'm going to miss JOHN PETERSON personally. I know my colleagues will miss him in the Pennsylvania delegation, and I believe that America will miss JOHN PETERSON because of his advocacy of issues that are so, so important to America and especially to rural America.

So, with that, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I think the remarks we've heard from the various Members of our delegation are a great tribute to the versatility and tenacity of Representative PETERSON, and I think give everyone an appreciation, whether they are from his district or have never met him before, of why he's going to be missed and the large hole that he leaves in this institution.

I must tell you, I have some small experience in filling JOHN PETERSON's shoes. When we did reapportionment in 2002, I had the opportunity to take over some territory from JOHN PETERSON. What I quickly discovered was that in terms of personal representation he had set the bar very, very high. There are few communities in that vast district that he wasn't a regular visitor to, that he wasn't accessible to, that he wasn't familiar with, that he didn't have a personal contact with local leaders in the community. That is going to be a challenge to his successor, and it's going to be a challenge to every Member of our delegation who tries to fill his role in our Pennsylvania leadership.

I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to provide this tribute, and I thank all of the Members of our delegation for participating.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. FOXX) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 27.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 27.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, September 27.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. FILNER, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$3,980.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. BERMAN, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds 2 pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$2,275.

#### SENATE BILLS AND A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a Concurrent Resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2382. An act to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 3128. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3166. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose criminal penalties on individuals who assist aliens who have engaged in genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killings to enter the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3597. An act to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 3598. An act to amend titles 46 and 18, United States Code, with respect to the operation of submersible vessels and semi-submersible vessels without nationality; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period to be subsequently de-

termined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 3605. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 104. Concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool!", a national celebration of after school programs; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 6890. An act to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of the title IV of division B of Public Law 109-148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6894. An act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, September 27, 2008, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8703. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1069; FRL-8377-8] received August 21, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8704. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2,4-D, Bensulide, Chlorpyrifos, DCPA, Desmedipham, Dimethoate, Fenamiphos, Metolachlor, Phorate, Sethoxydim, Terbufos, Tetrachlorvinphos, and Triallate; Tolerance Actions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0674; FRL-8375-2] received September 12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8705. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Forchlorfenuron; Permanent and Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1065; FRL-8375-4] received August 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8706. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Residues of Quaternary Ammonium Compounds, N-Alkyl (C12-18) dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride on Food Contact Surfaces; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-